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Co-op students Kendall Harrison and Tatum McTeague go for a ride in Glebe Park during the second annual Winter Olympics.

Wallace cleared of attempted murder

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Dysart resident Grant Wallace pled guilty to assault and firearms charges at the Lindsay courthouse on Feb. 23, but his attempted murder was withdrawn.

For his assault charge, Wallace was sentenced to 18 months in jail and three

years probation. He was also ordered to provide a DNA sample, pay a victim fine surcharge and prohibited from possessing firearms. On a charge of forcible confinement, Wallace received a concurrent sentence of 18 months in prison, concurrent probation, and a victim fine surcharge.

The third and final count Wallace pled

guilty to was possession of a firearm, for which he received an 18-month jail sentence concurrent, three years probation concurrent and a victim fine surcharge.

He already served seven months and 20 days in pre-sentence custody following an incident that occurred on July 3 at a residence on Highway 118 in Haliburton. Members of the Haliburton Highlands

OPP, the Criminal Investigations Unit and the Emergency Response Team were called to the scene.

Wallace was 56 years old at the time of his arrest.

In July, police were unable to elaborate on the details of the investigation, stating that it was a matter before the courts.













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Handlen in BC court to face child murder charges

By Mark Arike

A man charged with the murders of two B.C. girls made his second court appearance via video on March 2.

According to Abbotsford News, Garry Taylor Handlen, 67, had his next court date set for April 1. The mothers of the victims, Shari Greer and Madeline Lanaro, were both in

Last November, Handlen, who was living in Minden for a period of time, was arrested by police in Surrey, B.C. without incident and subsequently charged by the RCMP with firstdegree murder in the deaths of Monica Jack, 12, and Kathryn-

Herbert disappeared on Sept. 24, 1975 while heading to her home in Abbotsford. Her remains were discovered two months later in an undeveloped area.

On May 6, 1978, Jack was riding her bike on the highway near the Nicola Ranch in Merritt, B.C. when she vanished. Her bike was discovered a day later, but it took another 17 years before her body was located in a rural area, about six kilometres from the highway that she was travelling on.

A CBC News article revealed that Handlen was convicted of sexually assaulting a hitchhiker in 1978, near Port Hope, B.C. He was sentenced to 18 years, but on appeal that sentence was reduced to 12 years. Other reported convictions over the years include indecent assault, rape, and assault with intent to rape.



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County to borrow \$3M

By Lisa Harrison Contributing writer

County council will borrow almost \$3 million and raise the levy by 5.9 per cent to \$13,700,000 in 2015.

At a special council budget meeting March 11, councillors agreed that while council has avoided borrowing and tried to hold the levy increase to two per cent in the past few years, neither will work this year.

They elected instead to borrow at current low interest rates to support necessary infrastructure repairs and increases to reserves while avoiding an even greater financial impact on ratepayers.

"Nobody likes a 5.9 per cent increase, but if we don't do it this way, it's going to be worse," said Warden Murray Fearrey.

Councillor Carol Moffatt called it a "critical situation."

"We have to catch up," she said. Debt financing will include \$1.9 million over four years for roads capital projects. This will be borrowed once the projects have been completed, delaying the first payment until 2016. These include rehabilitation of County Roads 7 and 14, for which tenders have closed at about \$250,000 over estimates.

An additional estimated \$1.73 million will be borrowed over 20 years for the new emergency medical services (EMS) headquarters on Highway 35 in Minden. The province will subsidize interest costs and the building's amortization through the EMS

Overall, reserves will be increased to \$3.14 million from the estimated \$1.75 million remaining in 2014.

While the 2014 deficit has not been finalized, staff reported at least \$600,000 will be drawn from reserves to cover it. The deficit to the budget of \$12,933,200 was due in part to unforeseen road repairs following winter storms and floods.

Government funding has been confirmed for rehabilitation of the Head Lake bridge in Haliburton, and the county will increase its reserve by more than \$500,000 to cover its portion of the work in 2016. The building reserve will be increased by \$100,000 for furnaces and other major future capital projects, and a social housing capital reserve will be created at \$75,000.

The levy increase translates to an additional \$4.70 per \$100,000 for residential and \$6.97 per \$100,000 for commercial (2.7 per cent for each group). This does not take into account county-wide growth.

The necessary bylaws authorizing the budget decisions will be passed at council's regular meeting March 25, after which the details will be forward to the four municipalities for reference as they prepare their budgets.



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Rogers green light for monopine towers

Two new communication towers will be installed near Kawagama Lake in Algonquin Highlands by 2016. The 35-foot monopine towers, designed to resemble pine trees, will be raised by Rogers Communications Inc. at 3558 County Road 8 (Kawagama Lake Road) and at Highway 8 (Maple Ridge Drive) just east of County Road 8. A Rogers representative told township council Rogers had received five favourable comments for each tower and only one negative comment (regarding the County Road 8 site), and that Rogers agreed to conditions set by the Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association for its support, including co-location capability for another carrier's antennas on at least one tower. Council supported both installations,

stating satisfaction that Rogers had followed the township's telecommunication facility installations policy, which includes public consultation.

Stanhope seniors donation to AH

The Stanhope Seniors Social Club has made a generous donation to Algonquin Highlands in gratitude for recent accessibility upgrades. As part of its efforts to improve accessibility, the township renovated the washrooms at the Stanhope Fire Hall on North Shore Road where the club meets. The club's directors chose to make an unconditional donation of \$500 as an expression of their appreciation. "That's very kind, these folks are very generous," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

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Editorial opinion

A change in course

I had to make a choice in high school: be a writer, or a scientist.

At that time, I had wanted to get into pharmaceuticals. I thought chemistry was the coolest thing, and the idea of developing potentially life-saving drugs appealed to me. But as my test scores started coming in from my chemistry class, it become more and more clear that I just wasn't getting it.

I studied and worked hard to earn my Bs and Cs in those classes, but I just kept falling short of the grades that I knew would lead to my future success. Scraping by in high school wouldn't get me into a strong post-secondary program, and eeking out a passing grade there wasn't going to land me the job of my dreams.

I'm sure if I worked my absolute hardest I would have gotten by. But then I'd be in a job I wasn't suited for, working on projects far less exciting than the groundbreaking experiments of my dreams while those who had actual talent would rise to the top, leaving me in the dust.

So I assessed my skills and found myself to be a natural writer. The more I explored writing, the more I loved it. It's been my path ever since, and I consider myself – according to own personal scale, anyway to be succeeding.

The moral of this story is that sometimes you need to stop and realize what you want to doing life may not be what you're best suited to do. And when you realize that, you need to change course.

This is a lesson that Haliburton County needs to learn.

Last week, we covered a report recently released about the county's food tourism market. According to that report, only four per cent of tourism-related businesses currently meet the expectations of culinary

That means 96 per cent of tourism businesses in this county need help just to *meet* industry standards, let alone exceed them. Despite the beauty of our county, we need more than trees and lakes for tourists to apparently don't do very well. Talk about choose the Highlands over other regions that — not seeing the forest for the trees. are, and have been, doing it right.

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With enough work, time, and money, we may yet become a culinary tourism destination - but starting as far behind as we are. it won't ever live up to the promise of a



By Matthew **Desrosiers**

sustainable economy. Especially when only some businesses are buying in, while others insist on maintaining the status quo. And while we debate the grammatical correctness of our latest slogan, other destinations are continuously improving their offerings.

And yet this is the industry county council chose to support, leaving all other forms of economic development to the municipalities. The one where only four per cent meet industry standards, the one that puts us at the mercy of weather patterns we can never predict or control.

The adage is supposed to be work with your strengths, not work with what seems *like a good idea at the time.* But what else

Taking stock of what Haliburton County has to offer, the answer is all around us: it could be something as simple as wood. At one time, our economy was built around wood. Why couldn't it be again?

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Those who say small-scale manufacturing for export isn't possible here need to talk to Heat Line and the Haliburton Forest, among many others quietly making progress. One thing is certain: in choosing tourism our county is putting all of its economic development efforts into an industry we

Water and ice

Three days without water.

It was not pleasant.

Like hundreds of people across the county the line from the well was frozen. The water stopped flowing out of the taps and life became a little more difficult.

After viewing the photos online we decided to slip down to Niagara Falls to get a look at the frozen columns of ice encasing the two falls. We have friends in Niagara-on-the-Lake and so it was also a chance for a quick visit as well and an overnight stop. The frozen falls are spectacular, by the way. With the frigid temperatures this winter, giant pillars of ice have formed in front of the plunging water, creating a curtain of ice, especially on the American falls, that is all but hiding the view of the falling water. The Horseshoe Falls has less ice, but is equally dramatic in its winter coat. Interestingly the Niagara River below the falls is wall-to-wall ice, ribboned with fissures and cracks and the occasional open water where the current insists on showing its

The people we talked to from the area said it was rare to see the amount of ice being formed around both falls and speculated that it could be well into late spring before the more spectacular formation would collapse into the

We should have realized that something was amiss as we stood by the railing watching the falling water turn to ice, the cold slowly creeping up through our boots. It wasn't long after we arrived home from our short diversion that we learned the disappointing truth: without the movement of water through the pipe, the cold had penetrated the line and locked it down. Once the pressure tank was depleted, the taps merely dribbled and then stopped.

Now, we have been without water before, mainly when the power goes down, usually only for a couple of hours, a minor inconvenience. It being the weekend, I chose not to call the plumber until Sunday night, trying a number of home remedies, most involving hair drers, all to no avail. A friend

came over to see what he could do, but again it was impossible to melt the ice blocking the line. He brought a jug of water and we dug out a dusty container of water of dubious vintage. The latter was used for the toilet.



By Jack Brezina

Rick Mansfield the plumber arrived early Monday and confirmed the diagnosis. He put a call into Henry Pristol to see when he could come by. It seems because of the demand, Henry wouldn't be able to make it until the following day. Henry has a proprane-fired boiler on the trailer behind his truck. Attached to the boiler is a long coil of hose. Working like a surgical team, the plumber opens the offending pipe as close to the blockage as possible and inserts the steam spewing probe until it meets resistance. Then he stops pushing it forward and waits for the steam to melt the ice that blocks its progress, pushing it forward until he feels no further resistance. The probe was withdrawn, the entry wound to the pipe healed, the pump turned on.

To various corners of the house, water raced to fill voids. Toilet tanks filled, taps spat and sputtered as the air cleared from the system. Water flowed. It is a delightfully soothing

I know that ours is certainly not the only home or cottage to experience frozen pipes, and likely won't be the last – Henry has been busy with calls like this since early January. The warming weather should help take the pressure off his business, but he is looking forward to time off when the good weather

In the meantime, we don't leave the house for any length of time without opening one tap to dribble away, keeping the water flowing, and hope that the only ice that will grab our attention in the near future will be the spectacular display locked in the Niagara Gorge.

In last week's issue of The Highlander, it was incorrectly reported that the Haliburton The new proposed location in Minden will be in addition to the other two market sites

Correction

Highlander regrets this error.

County Farmers' Market was relocating to Minden from its location in Carnarvon. in the county, making three sites in total: Haliburton, Carnarvon, and Minden. The

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Letters to the editor

Irresponsible pet owners the problem

Dear editor,

I was reading Mark Arike's column in which he went on at length about the \$3,000 one-time grant to help spay and neuter feral cats in Minden.

The comment was the amount would go a long way to help a family. With the cost per person spread over the tax base I don't think a family could buy much. I don't recall hearing anything from Mr. Arike about what it cost to build a turtle crossing in the area. I am just betting it was a lot more than \$3,000. Yes we are all having a tough time. If you are feeling hard done by, you can have my insurance and hydro bill. People are having a hard time everywhere, but there are lots of support services to help them. There's nothing to help the cats. But we have support services to the point we now even can have two able-bodied people living in a house having kids, with both on welfare.

A revelation: feral cats don't just happen. They are the direct result of stupid people who should never have pets in the first place abandoning them. Some people suggest they should be shot. I suggest shooting the people dropping them is the only real way to stop the problem. That free kitten people take home is actually a 17-year commitment, with an average cost of close to \$6,000 if it is properly cared for.

Highlands East commits \$8.000 a year to the problem. Jurisdictions almost everywhere

except around here are moving to try and deal with the problem. This is a problem caused by taxpayers, and should be solved with their money. Letting these animals suffer, starve and freeze to death while frittering money away on other silly things says little for our humanity and compassion. The ones you see in Minden are the tip of a very large iceberg. They are everywhere. I know of a lot of people feeding 20, soon to be 40, unless help to spay and neuter comes.

The problem could be solved quite simply by licensing people to acquire a pet, providing low cost spay and neuters, and making it mandatory that any cat over eight months is indeed done. But that is too draconian according to Liberal thinkers. So we need to settle for a program of low cost spay and neuters, probably around \$50 for domestic cats, and free for ferals. We need substantial fines for abandoning pets, and funding for animal welfare groups to deal with stray domestics.

Many areas are enacting pet standards bylaws, something desperately needed and long overdue in Minden Hills. In mid-January, in -24C temperatures, some idiot abandoned a mother cat and three, seven-week-old kittens on a street in Kinmount, par for the course these days!

Keith Stata Kinmount

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Photo of the week



Photo by Kathy McKelvey-Brown

The Outsider

Holidays with Fidel

Like a concrete behemoth it rose before us, and we were still a way off. Giant blocks, each housing over two hundred rooms, the white paint long since weathered to a dull grey, some flaking, giving a patchy mottled effect in the last sunlight before dusk.

And then the sun was obscured completely from view by the massive building, the hotel that was to be our home for the next week.

Yes dear reader, my lovely wife, Little Z and I thought it our duty to do what every Canadian must in times of frigid winter weather: we booked ourselves on an allinclusive vacation to Cuba. Now, a writer's lot is not a wealthy one and so we hadn't checked into some five star, exclusive, bottle of champagne when you arrive resort. We were at this very moment taking in the enormity, both physical and emotional, of booking at the three (and a half) star Palma Real, a hotel that looked like it had been built by Fidel Castro's troops at the end of the revolution. perhaps even as somewhere to stay during the revolution, and which now should be listed as a national monument, such did it resemble a crumbling relic of Communist revolutionary architecture!

Inside, the enormous lobby was filled with loud traditional music and crammed with people, most of whom seemed to be holding

at least two small plastic beakers of brightly coloured liquid, which I was soon to learn was supposedly rum punch, pina colada, or a daiquiri, depending upon the colour but not necessarily the taste. Above the melee, atop a marble-clad podium, loomed two life-size mannequins dressed as salsa dancers. Their flamboyant pink outfits were draped over bronze skin tones, which were interrupted by white patches where the paint had chipped off. The female dancer, who had a toe missing, leaned backwards precariously, having been knocked eschew at some point in the last decade but no one seemed to mind.

The heat and ambiance of the lobby and bar was oppressive and we were glad to be checked in and escape to our room. A splendidly happy bag boy led us on a winding path past a store selling only rum and packets of cookies, a figure of eight shaped swimming pool with a rickety bridge over the centre, and two buildings that looked like army mess halls (I later found out that they were the a la carte restaurants). Finally, at our accommodation block, we navigated numerous long dimly lit corridors, the walls painted 'institutional' green and beige — you know, like they used to decorate hospital corridors in the 1970s — until we got to our room.

With a huge smile and a low bow our escort

said: "This your room, senor!"

A snowy owl caught mid-flight.

The door swung open to reveal a cool white sanctuary. Nothing fancy, just a bed, desk and chair, and wardrobe which our bag boy demonstrated by opening and closing the doors with a flourish. I grinned as I tipped him and he left us to our own devices.

ROARRR! BRMMMMM! BEEP BEEP!

Little Z had opened the sliding door to the balcony and revealed our stunning view of the main highway that ran immediately below our window.

"Daddy, look at that funny car!" he shouted above the traffic noise, which was soon forgotten as we spotted many of the wonderful classic American cars that are ubiquitous to Cuba. We were to travel in quite a few of these open-top motorized whales during our week, much to Little Z's delight, especially as he found that while riding on my shoulders he could wave to them and they'd almost always pull over to see if we wanted a ride.

Breakfast the following morning was an experience never forgotten. A four hundred room hotel means eight hundred or more guests, all of whom want feeding. It was like a military operation – another reason that made me think that this hotel was once a

barracks! The quantities of food were astonishing, the variety amazing – from buttered croissants to marinated sardines, chocolate coated cereal

By Will Jones

to spicy deli meats, fried eggs to braised rabbit (I kid you not) – and initially, the temptation to overindulge always succumbed to. And, it wasn't bad, either, much to my relief after hearing horror stories from friends.

And then, after breakfast, a rum punch maybe? A Haliburtonian friend told me: "You start on the 'fruity lads', then move on to the 'cervesa' after lunch..." and that's what I did, while sat in the pool at the bar. Little Z liked this bar best because he could swim up and request an iced 'slushy' mixer of almost any colour, and Daddy did the same, with a dash of rum added, of course.

We did go to the beach (a brief trot across the highway) but we enjoyed our lazy days in Fidel's barracks, too. I got used to the hulking concrete monument that was our hotel and was delighted by the amazing friendliness of our Cuban hosts. Our budget winter break was a success. 'Viva la Revolución' say I, so long as I can get a 'fruity lad' and a side order of sardines with my croissant.

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Do you have any plans for March break?



Dylon Smith Tory Hill

I am going to Belleville for the week to spend some time with my family.



Mark Lewis Tory Hill

Planning for lots of snowmobiling and lots of ice fishing with my family and a bunch of friends.



Nina Gagliano Haliburton

Yes I do have some plans. I am going to my Dad's for a visit and to see some family.



Savanna Hie Minden

I am not planning on doing anything special for the week. Just be at home enjoying the wonderful spring weather.



Spencer Devolin Minden

Yes I do have some plans for the break. I am going to Mount Tremblant snowboarding for the whole week.

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Pinestone on the hunt for new GM

By Mark Arike Staff writer

On March 6, Randy Heyd left his position as the general manager of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

According to Peter Tosh, director of operations for Vrancor Group, Heyd completed his contract position with the resort's leadership team.

"The resort is owned and operated by this company [Vrancor] and we have a number of managers that are working at the hotel – and it's a quieter time of the year, of course," said Tosh in a phone interview. "I would say that I'm responsible for that resort as the director of operations and looking at the organizational structure."

Tosh said that Heyd fulfilled the objectives of his contract. He also confirmed that the former GM would no longer be employed by Vrancor, a hospitality company with properties across Ontario.

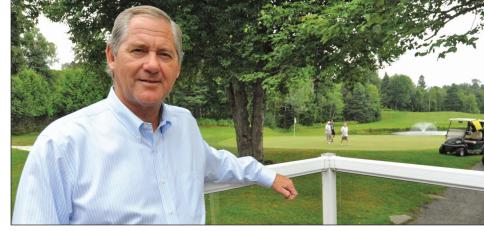
Heyd took over the Pinestone last July, following the resignation of Matthew Phillips. Prior to his arrival, he served as the vice president and general manager of Taboo Resort in Muskoka for eight years.

Last August, Heyd told the paper that he

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Randy Heyd has left his position as the Pinestone's GM.

planned on sticking around to ensure the future success of the resort.

"I'm a seasoned hotel operator and where I spend my time and efforts is very, very important for my professional and personal goals," he said. "We wouldn't be sitting here talking today if this was a short-term opportunity."

Despite several management changes over the years, Tosh said that the resort "isn't going

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anywhere."

"The Pinestone Resort is a landmark resort, not just for Haliburton but for northern Ontario. I think it has some great history, it's a great getaway in the rustic north," he said.

"I think change is good. Without change, we're no better.'

A job posting for a full-time general manager is currently on Vrancor's website.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Jim Wilson will retire as the county's CAO, effective the end of June.

County CAO and clerk set to retire

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Jim Wilson's career with the County of Haliburton is coming to an end.

After nearly 11 years as the CAO and County clerk, Wilson advised county council that he would be resigning from his position this year.

"I've been happy here and it's been a good time," said Wilson, who will head into retirement at the end of June.

"There's been lots of challenges and lots of things to keep you busy."

A Windsor native, Wilson took the dual position with the County in May of 2004. Since 1981, he has held various administrative positions with the City of Brantford, Chesley, the Township of South Dumfries, and Perth County.

"I've always worked in rural government for most of my career," he said, explaining that he prefers working in a rural setting. "In a larger municipality you can kind of get slotted in to very specialized areas."

One of the most significant challenges, he said, has been having to adapt to changes in

technology and the delivery of programs.

"Back in the 80s and before that, municipal government was pretty traditional with roles and responsibilities. Now, we've evolved into a lot of other services, projects and that type of thing," he said.

Wilson is looking forward to relaxing, travelling and visiting family and friends upon retirement.

"No firm plans just yet, but I'd like to be able to do things without deadlines," he smiled.

Wilson has been a member of the Minden Rotary Club since his arrival in town and plans to maintain his community involvement.

"There are some community organizations and things my wife and I have both been involved with."

He said he has enjoyed a good working relationship with staff and members of county council over the years.

"We're all on good relations. They wished me well."

Wilson lives in Minden Hills with his wife, Pat. His last day on the job is June 30.

The County is accepting applications for Wilson's position until 4:30 p.m. on Mar. 13.

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Minden Hills council divided on brush disposal fee

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Minden Hills council has approved a few new tipping fees for 2015, but a brush disposal fee isn't one of them.

Despite Reeve Brent Devolin's desire to fall in line with neighbouring municipalities, the majority of council was opposed to a \$10 per cubic yard charge for brush taken to local landfills.

During a Feb. 26 regular council meeting, councillor Jeanne Neville was first to speak out against the proposed fee.

"I think that's something we offer as a free service that we shouldn't take away from people," said Neville.

She said the township would be putting itself in jeopardy for more fire calls and that it would create an extra burden for landfill attendants.

"At the landfill transfer site in Ingoldsby there's only one person in charge there, and that is where one of the burning pits is," she explained. "He has a hard enough time in the summertime sorting garbage and watching people bring garbage in."

During the bylaw portion of the meeting, councillor Pam Sayne expressed concern over how the fee would affect local homebuilders.

"In three of the four lower tiers, they're already factoring it in the cost of doing business," responded Devolin. "I would argue that it isn't significant."

In a recorded vote, councillors Neville, Jeanne Anthon and Sayne voted against the first recommendation, which included the brush disposal fee. Councillor Ron Nesbitt, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Devolin voted in favour. Councillor Lisa Schell was absent from the meeting.

With a tied vote, the motion failed to carry. A second recorded vote was taken to amend the motion to remove the brush disposal fee. All councillors voted in favour.

The new fees include \$2 per residential bag containing improperly sorted recyclables, \$80 per cubic yard for improperly recycled construction waste, and \$25 per cubic yard for compacted household waste.

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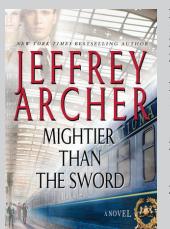
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Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers with NOTICE of a Special Council meeting to follow re: 2015 Budget Approval

March 26

Regular meeting of Council at 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

April 9
Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

Lochlin Community Centre St Patrick's Day Stew Dinner

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Ongoing to March 22nd

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Tuesday March 17

S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena & Community Centre, 55 Parkside Street - Room #3 From 6:00 to 8:00 pm

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Thursday April 9th 6:00-8:00pm Room 3, Minden Community Centre

Friday April 10th 1:00-4:30pm

Scout Hall

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Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Winter Folk Camp artistic director Thom Lambert engages with participants in a slide guitar workshop. Middle: Instructor Roly Platt, left, provides harmonica maintenance tips. Right: Greg Roe and Barry Willhelm play "Low Rider" in the harmonica stream.

Highlands in harmony at folk camp

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Another Winter Folk Camp has come to a close, and according to artistic director Thom Lambert, this one may have been the best yet.

"It was amazing," he said. "It was one of our better years. The adrenaline hasn't worn off, but it went really well. Had a really excellent staff group in terms of artists we hired, and we had a really good group of participants that showed up."

The camp ran from March 6-9 at Camp Wanakita. Fifty-five musicians of various

levels participated this year, the seventh for the annual music camp.

"I don't think Sean Pennylegion and I could have imagined eight years ago ... not sure I knew it would have this kind of momentum," Lambert said.

From song writing to the ukulele, harmonica, and everything in between, participants were able to work with and learn from some high-quality instructors, he said.

"One of my decisions as artistic director was to look at people who very specifically valued community music. The idea of making music together in a place with a group of people, and

value that, helps create community."

He said within hours, the group came together as its own community to learn in a supportive environment. The participants raved about their instructors and how much they learned over the weekend.

"My bottom line for the Winter Folk Camp is I want people to come away just inspired to start either playing more music in their life, or start playing music again in their life, or look for ways to play music more in their life. And I think almost anybody would tell you that's what they got out of this."

On top of the instructors and community that

made the weekend a success, Lambert said the staff at Camp Wanakita looked after everyone and did a phenomenal job in terms of food and their facility management.

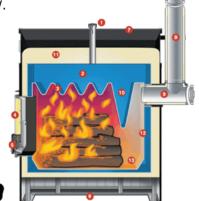
"It's important for us to acknowledge the support of the community," he said. "These events just don't happen without generous sponsors. It's just impossible to run an event without a few people and organizations stepping up and saying we really believe in this."

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File photo

Brodie Stevenson, right, tries to keep his distance from Meredith Thompson in The Horologium.

Dusk Dances ends on a high note

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Unbeknownst to its organizers and the community, last summer's edition of Dusk Dances would be the final curtain call on what was an annual tradition in Haliburton's Head Lake Park.

For the past eight years, thousands of spectators – from near and far – have come to enjoy the popular choreographed performances put on by professional touring

Jim Blake, chair of the local organizing committee, said the decision was reached in September following a postmortem of the past season and receiving the news that Dusk Dances Inc. would be raising their fees.

"We just decided that we had a great year in 2014 and now might be a good time to say, 'OK, that's great,'" said Blake.

Dancer and choreographer Sylvie Bouchard

created Dusk Dances in 1993 in Trinity Bellwoods Park. Ten years ago, Dusk Dances Inc. received funding to take their performances to five smaller communities in Ontario for three years.

Of the five communities that got involved in 2006, Haliburton is the only location to come up with the resources to continue offering the event in subsequent years after receiving initial funding. In 2009, the Dusk Dances Haliburton committee was formed under the auspices of the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Each year, an enormous volunteer effort is needed to make the evening shows possible. Last summer's event ran over four days, from July 17-20. Fundraising is also necessary to bring the performers to Haliburton and pay for other expenses.

"Each year it has become a bit more expensive and more complicated to run, and each year it has become more of a challenge for us to raise the funds required and find the time needed throughout the year to put it all together," stated Blake in a press release. Blake said the initial reaction from the

community has been disappointment.

"People love Dusk Dances, but people also understand that this is an enormous amount of work for a group of volunteers."

Over the years, local choreographers and members of the community were given the chance to combine their talents in one dance at each of the evening shows. In addition to bringing professional contemporary dance to the area, giving local talent a chance to create new works for large audiences was one of the goals of Dusk Dances.

Although this marks the end of a magical occurrence, it doesn't mean that the committee isn't looking at ways to incorporate dance into this summer's events calendar. Some funding has been obtained through Canadian Heritage to bring a sprinkle of performance art to the county.

"What we're looking at instead, as opposed

to running Dusk Dances, is infusing dance into other events that are happening in the county."

For example, Blake said that Highlands Little Theatre intends on bringing a production of A Midsummer Night's Dream to Head Lake Park this summer.

"We're looking at the opportunity to include dance in those performances," he said.

Similar to the community piece in Dusk Dances, a local choreographer and members of the community will be involved. The committee will announce opportunities for public involvement as they become available, confirmed Blake.

"For me, having Dusk Dances here showed the community what is possible – what fabulous things can happen with outdoor performances," he said. "Those kinds of things will continue to inspire people to do great things in the community."

Motivation

What drives me? What compels me to do simple task. German and Swedish music, moment. For example, I am writing this the things I do?

I find that I am generally very prone to be work-shy, but certain things cannot be avoided. Grocery shopping, house cleaning, and winter preparation are just a handful of necessary tasks I can't get out of. I am motivated by the smiles and the recognition I receive, by the very readers and listeners who make up my "fan base." However, surely something else motivates me?

Music helps me get through my work. If I tried to work without music filling my ears I would take days to finish one for some reason, make up the majority of my musical database. Yet this does not mean that I do not recognize the classics. I suspect that this is due to the encapsulating way of their languages. Most people work better to Mozart or Beethoven, but I work best to Power Wolf and Sabaton.

Power Wolf mixes religious latin with german and lupine features to create a beautiful mix of music that helps me get through the work at an impressive rate.

Due to my work shyness I tend to leave things unfinished until the last column with three hours left to deadline. Working so close to the wire in most peoples' eyes is simply unreasonable and those people would look at me confused, knowing that stress is something I like to avoid. I may seem sedentary and slothful at times, but I am absolutely bristling with energy that I expend physically or mentally, the former consuming more of my energy than the latter. I am work shy not because I don't like to work, but because it takes me a while to build up the preparedness to complete a task.

In a common example, today I had to

go shopping for groceries as my grandmother is sick with the flu. I had

By Austin McGillion past that point

Through my eyes



of saying "I can do it, no never mind," but once I got past that I was fine and completed my necessary task without much hassle. For me it is working past that little hump of "I can do this, no wait, I can't," and then I am fine. It is something I have learned to overcome as we all learn to overcome our own shortcomings and flaws.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Pasi Posti assists workshop participant Marci Mandel with her camera.

Video production course the first of many

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Video production is a passion for many in the Haliburton

Some piece together short clips on their iPhone in a matter of minutes while others are earning a living off shooting and editing their footage.

From March 5-8 at the Haliburton School of the Arts, beginners and avid filmmakers were given the rare opportunity to participate in a free digital media production workshop, provided by Sticks and Stones Productions and IT World Canada.

The event was made possible with funding from the Ontario Arts Council and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

"We're really excited to see how much demand there was," said Tammy Rea, principal for Sticks and Stones Productions.

Twenty-seven people signed up for the intense course, which ran from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Participants learned how to tell a story through video, prepare a script, shoot and edit their own two-minute masterpiece. According to a press release, working in a disciplined timeframe "gives students a real idea of the challenges of producing video for web and social media where attention spans are short, and stories need to unfold quickly."

Keynote speakers and expert instructors included Lisa Bragg and Kristen Johnson of MediaFace, Andrew Love of IT World Canada and local producer Pasi Posti of Positive Media.

"It's demanding and frightening and a ton of fun," said Rea on the second day of the workshop.

On the final day of the course, students were given the

opportunity to screen their short films in the college's Great Hall.

In his lecture, Posti taught participants the basics of camera operation, lighting and sound. The Haliburton resident said he is always open to sharing his trade secrets.

"Even locally, here, the better the products that can get pushed out of here [it will] gain the area more notoriety," said Posti. "We should be known for the level of quality for anything we do."

He said that college students at the Haliburton campus should be offered an introductory course on how to shoot their

Rea said that by providing this pilot workshop, it was a way of "testing the waters to see if this would work as a program at the school."

Posti added that it is becoming increasingly more important for businesses and individuals to self-market and tell their own story properly. With technology, videos can reach a world-wide audience through social media platforms, such as Twitter and Facebook, at no cost.

"The capabilities are so great [for video]," he said. "It's the number one marketing tool on Earth. It's definitely underutilized in the Highlands."

Rea plans on offering more of these workshops in the spring, most likely in a shorter timeframe during a weekend.

"We know that four full days is a lot for people," she said. Individual sessions would be geared toward musicians, youth, and one that would be held in partnership with the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands, said Rea.

"I just think it's the new way of telling our stories," she concluded. "We just think the county is full of fascinating people who have fascinating stories."



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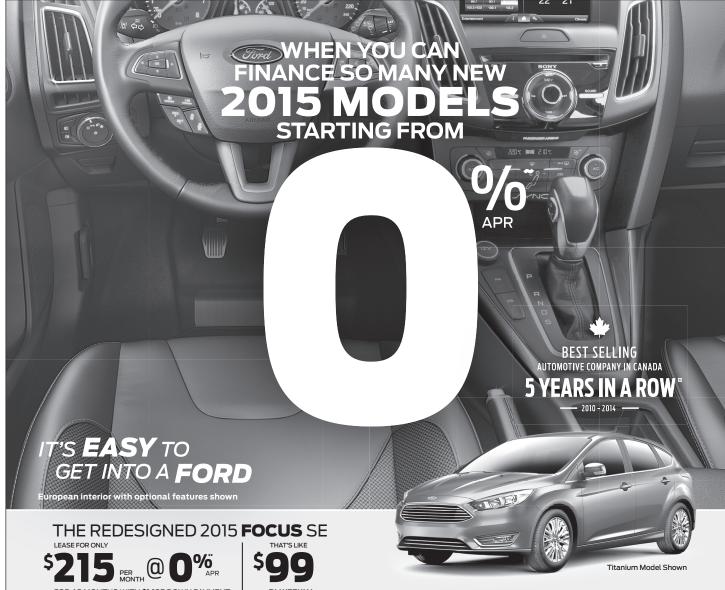
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SIRCH cooks up more than kitchen skills

By Matthew Desrosiers

Are you in the mood for Mexican food? Maybe Greek, or Irish pub fare?

SIRCH Community Services' Cook It Up program has just what you need to calm those cravings, and they're doing it all while helping members of the community find work.

Alisha Lafleur, the program's trainer and coordinator, said the program is SIRCH's innovative way of helping the community.

"We offer training opportunities for unemployed, or underemployed, individuals to come in and learn basic industrial kitchen skills, get hands-on experience working in a restaurant, which is in high demand for our area with the tourism industry," she said. "We did some training around kitchen safety, etiquette, and things like that."

In partnership with Baked & Battered, a Haliburton restaurant, the program's eight participants take over the kitchen every Monday until May 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., to offer the community a free, nutritious three-course lunch that includes an appetizer, main course, and dessert.

The trainees cook all the food from scratch, using fresh ingredients, she said. They also plan the menu, prepare the dishes, and serve customers.

Lafleur said the program helps the participants and community in different ways. For the trainees, they earn experience but

also gain certifications that will help them find work after the program. Fleming's CREW employee resource centre is working to provide them with a variety of skills, including resume writing, communication and interviewing skills. They will also receive their SmartServe certification.

Each participant has earned their safe food handling certificate from the health unit.

While the trainees are not being paid for their work, the program is free for them to participate in. The eight trainees had to apply and interview for their position.

The free meal at Baked & Battered is a way for SIRCH to give back, too.

"The setting is very much about being grateful and paying it forward," Lafleur said. "The trainees very much try to put that forward in the restaurant's atmosphere. They are grateful people are coming in and experiencing the meal, giving them a chance to do the training."

In keeping with the theme of gratitude, every meal comes with a small thank-you from the trainees. This past week, they placed a piece of paper with a special hot chocolate recipe at each table.

"It's always just a little something that says thank you. We want the atmosphere to be really positive."

In order to decide on the menu, the trainees draw a theme from a hat. They then go through grocery flyers to see what they can afford, and select a menu.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Jamie Scheffel prepares quesadillas for the Cook It Up program on March 9.

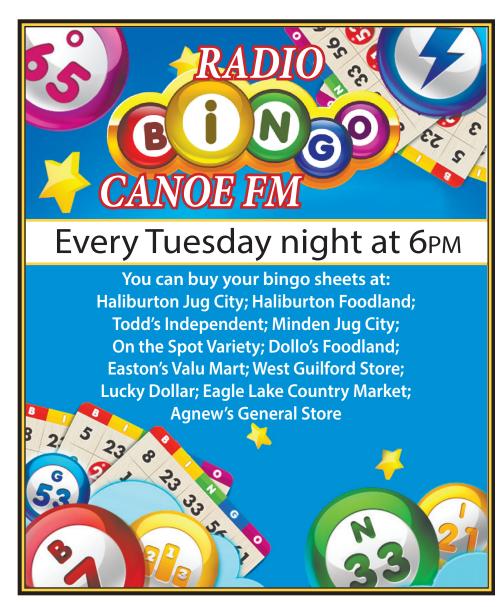
In their first week, the program served 48 Greek-themed meals. This past week, their second, they raised the bar and served 67 Mexican meals.

"The growth over a week has been phenomenal," said Lafleur. "We hope people come back, and we hope to see new people. We hope to see people in the community, looking for employees, come and check out trainees' work ethic."

Lafleur told her group that you never know who might walk through the door, and to treat every customer as a potential employer. "They've been doing an amazing job so far," she said.

As the program picks up momentum, Lafleur hopes to see increased awareness of some of the needs in the community.

"As we share what the program is all about in the community, it brings more and more realization that this is something needed, training and employment opportunities for people who don't have them," she said. "We need to keep these programs going so that we can keep that strong sense of community in Haliburton County."





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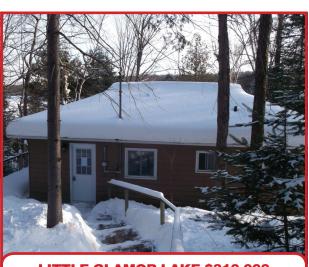
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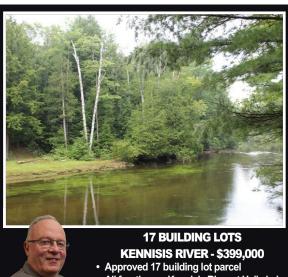


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1:00 PM - 83 min

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THE WORLD BEFORE HER

3:00 PM - 90 min

Twenty young women from across India arrive for an intense, month-long beauty boot camp - they are the hand-picked contestants for the Miss India pageant. Winning the coveted title means instant stardom, a lucrative career path and freedom from the constraints of a patriarchal society. In another corner of India we visit a camp for young girls run by the militant fundamentalist movement. Through lectures and physical combat training, the girls learn what it means to be good Hindu women. Moving between the transformative action at both camps and the characters' private lives, The World Before Her creates a lively, provocative portrait of the world's largest democracy at a critical transitional moment.

CITIZENFOUR

6:30 PM - 114 min

In January 2013, Larua Poitras was several years into making a film about surveillance in the post-9/11 era when she started receiving encrypted e-mails from someone identifying himself as "citizen four" who was ready to blow the whistle on the massive covert surveillance programs run by the NSA and other intelligence agencies. In June 2013, she and Glenn Greenwald flew to Hong Kong for the first of many meetings with the man who turned out to be Edward Snowden. She brought her camera with her. The film that resulted from this series of tense encounters is absolutely sui generis in the history of cinema: a 100% real-life thriller unfolding minute by minute before our eyes. Winner of the Academy Award.





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9:00 PM - 84 min

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Photo by Mark Arike

From left, patrollers Ron MacKenzie, John Hogg, Bob Cole and Tom Curlew.

Ski patrol: meet Sir Sam's first responders

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Dressed in bright yellow and bold blue attire, they can be seen helping the injured or simply offering advice to a fellow skier or boarder.

Without their volunteer efforts, Sir Sam's Ski/Ride wouldn't be able to operate.

Several members of the Canadian Ski Patrol (CSP) have spent decades at the hill, while others are just starting to get their feet wet. Those who have spent years with the non-profit, charitable organization will tell you that their experience has been extremely rewarding – and believe it or not, full of fun and camaraderie.

For some, the transition to the Ski Patrol was a smooth one given their previous line of work. Then there are those who were inspired to change career paths because of their time with the patrol.

"A number of us have been involved in the first aid arena," said Ron MacKenzie, a volunteer patroller for the past 29 years.

For 25 years, MacKenzie worked as a forest fire management technician for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"It seemed like a natural thing – because I'm a skier as well – to move into ski patrol, which is a first aid and skiing environment. I think a lot of us did that sort of thing," he said.

Tom Curlew joined the patrol in 1981. He developed a desire to be part of the team after witnessing fellow patrollers come to the aid of an injured skier at another ski

"I just got thinking, 'that's an organization I should get involved with," recalled Curlew. "I'm a skier and had a first aid background in that."

to give back to their community often get involved, he said.

"There's a lot of perks involved with it, too. But I think you'll find that's the type of people that get on and stay."

A former cottager, John Hogg got his first the category of first glimpse of the patrol as a visitor to the hill.

"I got to be friendly with the patrollers here ... and it was natural to get involved," said Hogg, who went on to become the fire chief in Algonquin Highlands. "It certainly helps your skiing – because you've got to go out in all types of weather, all types of snow conditions."

A member for the past 43 years, Hogg considers patrolling a great way to take on new responsibilities and develop important life skills.

"There's a tremendous learning experience in the patrols, in terms of responsibilities," he said.

In some cases, patrollers have gone on to pursue a career as a first responder because of their time spent at Sir Sam's.

We had one fellow who was a welding shop teacher in high school, and he got involved in ski patrol and next thing you know he's an advanced care paramedic," Curlew pointed out.

The local patrol is part of the Kawartha zone of the CSP – a national organization "dedicated to promoting safe skiing and riding." Founded in 1941 by Dr. Doug Firth, the CSP is now made up of more than 4,000 patrollers at approximately 300 ski hills across the country.

Each volunteer receives extensive

first aid training with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated Those with caring personalities who want external defibrillator (AED) certifications.

"Our first aid is quite a bit more advanced than what you're going to get out of a general first aid

"That puts us in responders," added MacKenzie.

course," said Curlew.

In order to apply, volunteers must be at least 18 years old. If successful, they must put in a minimum of 15 days during the winter season.

When at the hill, patrollers spend their day going up and down the runs (at Sir Sam's there are 14 of them) to ensure the safety of all visitors. They respond to all accidents, from those that are minor to life threatening.

"We have two mandates: safety in skiing and emergency response," said Curlew, explaining that if any hazardous conditions are spotted they are immediately reported to the owners of the resort.

"We work together very nicely," he said, referring to the Ski Patrol's relationship with the Bishop family.

Although there have been a number of sprained wrists this season, MacKenzie commented that the total number of accidents is down.

Many of those who have volunteered together have become close over the years, spending time with one another off the hill at functions and on group trips.

"It's a great venue to meet new people and gain new friends," said MacKenzie. Tangible membership benefits include

discounted skiing, legal support and an electronic monthly newsletter, among

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others.

Those interested in joining the local patrol should love the outdoors, work well with others and of course, be an avid skier or snowboarder.

"You better love skiing [or snowboarding], because you're going

to do a lot of it," smiled Curlew.

"We work in a team environment," said Bob Cole, a patroller for the past 19 years. "As a ski patroller you're not here by yourself.'

Past patrollers have included engineers, paramedics, dentists, teachers and prison guards.

Chris Bishop, general manager of Sir Sam's, is well aware of how important the Ski Patrol is to his operation.

"We can't be in business without the ski patrol," said Bishop. "We've always had a great relationship with them because they're vital to our operation."

In the Kawartha zone, Haliburton's ski patrol has had the reputation of being the best patrol around, he said.

"That comes from the other patrollers. We just work really well with them."

To inquire about joining the team call 905-448-2266 or 1-866-437-3065, or visit kawartha.skipatrol.ca.

A breakthrough year for senior Hawks basketball

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Under the guidance of two dedicated coaches, the Red Hawks senior basketball team defied the odds and showed the rest of the league that they are indeed a contender.

Just two weeks ago, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students broke an 11-year drought by advancing to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) tournament in Trenton. Although they lost to St. Paul Catholic Secondary School in the semi-final game by a score of 51-39, the players reached their goals and exceeded the expectations of many.

"It meant a lot to see them get that far, it meant a lot to see them work that well together and develop not just as players but young men as well," said head coach Dave Waito. "It was a great group of guys to work with – it was a lot of fun to coach them this year.'

At the start of the season, Waito set out a few goals for the team including achieving a .500 record, less than 10 turnovers per game and developing a solid defence.

"Those are the things that got us there," he said, referring to the COSSA tournament.

From the onset, Waito said the boys displayed their commitment to the team, showing up for after-school practices five to six days a week. Several players also devoted a large chunk of their summer to developing their skills.

"We had a bunch of guys that bought into



Photo submitted by Dave Waito

The Senior Red Hawk basketball team qualified for COSSA this season. It was the first time the team qualified in the past 11 years.

that system and bought into that idea." On the road to COSSA, the Hawks defeated St. Thomas 47-29 and Port Hope 47-31. With only 10 turnovers against Port Hope, it was one of their best performances of the season.

Team captains Angus Sullivan and Hunter Smith said it meant a lot to them and the rest of the team to make it as far as they did.

"We came from Haliburton where there's no organized basketball and we don't have any sort of experience with that thing," said Sullivan. "To get so close to winning COSSA is just ... a really nice feeling."

Smith pointed out that the team's record last year was 0-17.

"Winning nine games this year and getting to COSSA was pretty good," he said. "Being in that atmosphere, playing in someone else's gym with a sold-out crowd was pretty unique and fun to play."

Sullivan said the team grew closer over the season and are now all good friends.

Both Sullivan and Smith have been on the high school team for the past four years. Since Smith will be taking some courses next year, he will return for one more season. Sullivan will be hanging up his jersey, but plans to take part in practices this summer.

Both thanked assistant coach Gord Cochrane for helping them work on their game.

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50 years in Canada.

"He really helped me with my jump shot and developing it into a thing I could actually do," recalled Sullivan, adding that Cochrane also helped the guards with ball-handling and dribbling this past summer.

The team finished the season with a record of 9-13 and 5-5 in their conference.

Tryouts for the team don't take place until November, but Waito is already looking forward to next season and returning to COSSA – something he hopes becomes an annual tradition.

"Hopefully next year we can tip the scales and get even farther," he said.

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Bv Mark Arike Staff writer

In recent months, local hockey legend Bernie Nicholls has helped propel an innovative mobile phone app for sports fans into the spotlight.

Launched last September, AllSportsMarket (ASM) Free enables users to earn rewards and cash prizes on the world's first sports stock market.

"I really liked the concept," said Nicholls, a former NHLer and West Guilford native who often spends time in the Highlands.

As the company's spokesman, Nicholls explained that his cousin, Jason Henry, first asked him to come on-board about 10 years ago (Henry is the media relations contact for the app).

"I've done a little gambling in the past and I've seen a lot of people lose a lot of money," he said. "To me the alternative to gambling would be this."

The free app allows users to purchase shares in their favourite sports teams and earn dividends whenever those teams win. Similar to the stock market, buyers help drive up share prices.

"It goes by performance," said Nicholls, who admitted that he purchased shares in the Los Angeles Kings, a team he once played for, and the New York Islanders.

"They [the Islanders] were one of the lowest traded teams when the season started and I think they're the highest traded team

right now in the NHL."

Currently available sports include football, basketball, hockey and baseball.

Users can challenge their friends by creating their own divisions, compete against their country or the rest of the world via live leader boards and chat with others on live forums.

"The concept is that we want to change

this into a real money market when we get enough people involved," said Nicholls, referring to online poker sites where users can play for free or real money.

"I think that would be amazing when that time comes."

Nicholls said the company is currently in talks with the NBA and other sports leagues about offering them 50 per cent of each transaction that is made.

"It's new money for them ... I can't see them not wanting to get

According to a press release, ASM is operated by The New Sports Economy Institute, a non-profit organization established to teach finance through sports.









Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B girls started their third and final round of their league playoffs against the Peterborough Ice Kats on March 6 in Minden.

Winning this three-game series will advance the Storm girls to league championship weekend – the last weekend in March – to face off against all other loop winners. The Storm jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first period with Erin Little slipping a squeaker past the Ice Kat tender. Maddie Billings made the score 2-0 in the first with a beauty wrister that fooled the Peterborough netminder midway through the first period.

Late in the second period, Sydney Feir capitalized on a turnover in the Ice Kat end and slipped another wrister, going high glove, to make the score 3-0. The Ice Kats broke the Storm shutout bid late in the third period with a power play marker. With just minutes left in the game, Kelsey Maracle regained the Storm's three-goal lead with a goalmouth scramble sneaker to make the final score 4-1.

Great opening game girls in the four-point series. Good luck Saturday, March 14 in Peterborough as we try to wrap up the series. If a third game is needed, the series final game will be March 22 in Minden at 2 p.m. Keep up the focused team play girls!

Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Storm team made it to the Ontario finals by winning the series against Kincardine. The Storm was up 2-0 in the series, heading into Game 3. They met with the Kinucks last Friday. It was an exciting action-filled game that went into overtime and ended in a 2-2 tie.

The Storm came on strong, with the first goal by Schmidt, assisted by Cooper and Turner. The second period was filled with back and forth action but remained scoreless. The Kinucks tied it up in the third period and shortly after took the lead. Late in the game, a pass from Manning landed on the stick of Patterson-Smith and he found the opening to tie the game 2-2.

It stayed that way through overtime, forcing a Game 4. The next day, the Kinucks came out with intense, winning determination, and took the game 2-0. The Storm was ready for Game 5 and did what was necessary to move on, winning 2-0.

The first period was scoreless. Early in the second, Lucas Haedicke rushed, made a shot and Cooper picked up the rebound for the goal. Late in the third, Cooper assisted a goal by Patterson-Smith, making it 2-0. The Kinucks pulled out all the stops but the Storm stayed solid for the win. Congratulations boys!

Minden Pharmasave Peewee A

Submitted by Jennifer Little

The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee A team travelled to Elmvale for the third game in their semi-final playoff round on March 6. With a slow start and a first goal scored by the opposition, the Storm team seemed to be struggling.

Then, with five minutes remaining in the second period, defenceman Alex Little saw an opportunity to rush the puck from behind the Storm net, scoring the only goal for the Highland Storm team that night. Elmvale answered with their second goal in the third period, ending a 10-game winning streak for the Storm Peewees.

March 7 saw a much more confident Storm team as the Minden Pharmasave Peewees hosted in Minden. With home ice advantage and the stands packed with fans from the community, both players and coaches were determined to win this one, and win they did, advancing the team to the All-Ontario finals!

Two quick goals scored in the first period first by Braeden Robinson (assisted by Isaac Little and Nigel Smith) and then by Smith (assisted by Isaac Little) set the tone for the game. The Elmvale Coyotes wouldn't give

up without a fight and answered with a goal of their own. In the second period, Elmvale tied it up with another goal and the Storm team knew they had to work together to come out with the win.

With five minutes remaining in the second period, Smith scored his second of the night (assisted by Zach Morissette and Isaac Little) and the home crowd went wild! Early in the

Highland Storm

third Cole Prentice (assisted by Joe Boice and Paul Turner) saw a perfect opening and scored the Storm's fourth goal, sealing the deal for the win!

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee As advance to the All-Ontario finals against Ingersoll. The team enters the finals with a 22-7-4 record.

Highland	Highland Storm Bantam A Championship Schedule										
DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION								
March 14	Saturday	6:30 pm	Minden - SG Nesbitt								
March 15	Sunday	2:30 pm	Haliburton AJ LaRue								
March 21	Saturday	8:00 pm	Ingersoll								
March 22	Sunday	11:00 am	Ingersoll								
March 28	Saturday	6:30 pm	Minden - SG Nesbitt								
March 29	Sunday	TBA	Ingersoll								

Highland Storm Peewee A Championship Schedule										
DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION							
March 14	Saturday	5:00 pm	Minden - SG Nesbitt							
March 15	Sunday	1:00 pm	Haliburton AJ LaRue							
March 21	Saturday	6:30 pm	Ingersoll							
March 22	Sunday	9:30 am	Ingersoll							
March 28	Saturday	5:00 pm	Minden - SG Nesbitt							
March 29	Sunday	TBA	Ingersoll							

Monday afternoon, March 2

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 209 High single: Ken Thompson – 258 High single handi: Ken Thompson – 280 High triple: Claude Cote – 628 High triple handi: Claude Cote – 667

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 175 High single: Vicki Ross – 182 High single handi: Vicki Ross – 242 High triple: June Fortune – 476 High triple handi: Margaret Schepers – 681

Monday night, March 2

Men: High avg: Rick West – 205 High single: Rick West – 227 High single handi: Gord Pitcher – 270 High triple: Mark Arike – 610 High triple handi: Mark Arike – 739 **Women:** High avg: Cathy Snell – 220 High single: Cathy Snell – 2288 High single handi: Cathy Snell and Karen

High triple: High triple – 707 High triple handi: Cathy Snell – 722

Tuesday afternoon, March 3

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 215 High single: Claude Cote – 365 High single handi: Claude Cote – 375 High triple: Claude Cote – 888 High triple handi: Claude Cote – 918

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 179 High single: Barb Milligan – 195 High single handi: Barb Milligan – 265 High triple: Rae Shepheard – 516

High triple handi: Rae Shepheard – 684

Wednesday Special Olympics, Feb. 25 Men: Brandon Bailey – 265 Gerald McKnight – 148 Jason Hollowell – 144

Women: Buddy Plouffe – 141 Skylar Pratt – 127 Dawn Piercey – 119

Thursday, March 5

Men: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 177 High single: Don Chapman – 209 High single handi: Don Chapman – 258 High triple: Gerry Wagg – 515 High triple handi: Ray Lymer – 656

Women: High avg: Pat Stiver – 170

High single: Lynn Bartlett – 209 High single handi: Lynn Bartlett – 269 High triple: Edith Alzner – 534 High triple handi: Edith Alzner – 693

Friday afternoon, March 6

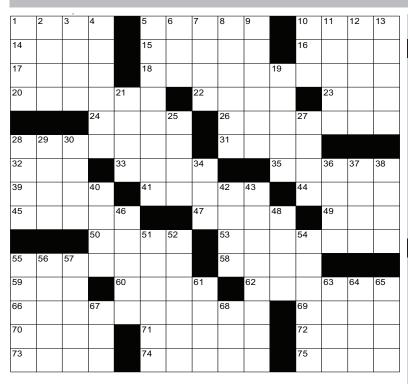
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Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 176 High single: Beverly Alexander – 209 High single handi: Beverly Alexander – 267

High triple: Beverly Alexander – 541 High triple handi: Beverly Alexander –

Events calendar



ACROSS

- 1. Average skirt
- 5. See eye to eye
- 10. Church service
- 14. Adam's abode
- 15. Looks intently
- 16. Repeat
- 17. Oh, dear!
- 18. "Gone with the Wind" setting
- 20. Mother
- 22. Ground grain
- 23. 2nd amendment lobby
- 24. Birthday greeting
- 26. Move unsteadily
- 28. Shade source (2 wds.)
- 31. Coastal bird
- 32. MGM lion
- 33. Indian of Peru
- 35. Sail supports
- 39. Recognize

- 41. Subject
- 44. "Wish You Here'
- 45. Soft drinks
- 47. Function
- 49. Soccer's Hamm
- 50. Ocean vessel
- 55. Underwater weapon
- 59. Gorilla, e.g.
- 60. For fear that
- 62. Coldest
- 66. Eye-opener
- 70. Quarry
- 73. Discount event
- 75. Pout

DOWN

- 1. Steak, e.g.
- 2. Not working
- 3. Precious
- 4. Six-legged animal
- 5. Obvious
- 6. Harden
- 7. Paper measure
- 8. Writer Hemingway
- 9. Real
- 10. Citi Field player
- 11. Serving perfectly
- 12. Seaside
- 13. Sub finder
- 19. Siren
- 21. Eastern garment
- _ ('20s movement)
- 27. Chew on
- 28. Caribous' kin
- 29. Carson's successor
- 30. Temperament
- 34. Spring mo.

- 53. Soldier
- 58. Opera song

- 69. Blemish
- 71. Large spoon
- 72. Pennsylvania city
- 74. Icy precipitation

36. Half (prefix)

- 37. Threesome
 - 38. Burn
 - 40. Social insect
 - 42. Dubuque's locale

 - 43. Woodwind instrument
 - 46. Seashore find
 - 48. Actor Idle
 - 51. Guiding principles ___ Service
 - 52. U.S. _ 54. Lifts
 - 55. Canvas covers
 - 56. Musical drama
 - 57. Make merry
 - 61. Ocean movement
 - 63. Beige
 - 64. Spinnaker, e.g.
 - 65. "Star ____'
 - 67. Potato bud

 - 68. Bullfight cheer

MARCH 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY

Pickleball - JD Hodgson Elementary School - 7pm -9:15pm

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Nature's Place, 10 am - 5 pm

Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4

FRIDAY

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Nature's Place, 10 am - 5 pm

Pickle Ball - Dorset Rec Centre - 10 am - 12 pm

Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4

SATURDAY

Community Dinner - Pioneer Baptist Church, Norland \$5 -5pm - 7pm

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Nature's Place, 10 am - 5 pm

Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4

SUNDAY

Free Public Skating - Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Wilberforce - 12:30 - 2:00

Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun

Public Skating - AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton - \$2 - 11am - 12:30pm

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MONDAY TUESDAY Pickle Ball - Dorset Rec Maple Fest - Haliburton

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WEDNESDAY Card Night - Irondale

Community Centre - 7pm Bingo - Harcourt Community

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Maple Fest - Haliburton

Museum - 10 - 5

Centre - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm No pickleball at JD Hodgson Maple Fest - Haliburton

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Museum - 10 - 5

Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group - Highland Crest - 10am - noon

FRIDAY

Cook it Up - Baked & Battered

Maple Fest - Haliburton Museum - 10 - 5

- 11am - 3pm

Fun card/game playing

Spring Equinox Party -Haliburton Museum - 7pm-

SATURDAY

Maple Fest - Haliburton Museum - 10 - 5

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Public Skating - AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton - \$2 - 11am - 12:30pm

Free Public Skating - Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Wilberforce - 12:30 - 2:00



WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAR 12 - MAR 18, 2015

Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw.

50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month Gord Kidd & Friends, Saturday March 14, 4-7 p.m. Cabbage rolls \$5, no cover.

St. Patricks' Day lunch, March 17 11:30-

Minden Branch

Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Liver lover's special, Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. (full menu also) Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.

Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local

Wilberforce Branch

Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m. Community Support Services lunch, Friday,

Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. No karaoke until further notice

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Hawks wrestlers show mettle at OFSAA

results.

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

Matt Sexmith and Keagan Gillam wrapped up their 2015 high school wrestling season with strong showings at the OFSAA tournament in Windsor from March 2-4.

The two qualified for the tournament after winning their COSSA divisions in February.

Sexsmith cut down this year from heavyweight to compete in the 95-kilogram division.

"He wrestled very well in a tough weight class," said coach Dan Fockler. "We were pretty happy with his results. It was a whole season effort for him, because he used to be heavyweight but he worked down to 95."

In his first match, Sexsmith faced

the number two seed wrestler in the tournament. The loss sent him into the consolation round, where he rebounded with a big win.

"It's a mental game after [a loss like] that," said Fockler. "To turn around and win his next match was quite good."

Although he dropped his third and final match of the tournament, the coaches were pleased with his performance.

"It was his first trip to OFSAA, which is a pretty big event ... as coaches we were quite happy with his results."

On the other end of the wrestling spectrum, Grade 9 student Gillam competed in the 41-kilo division.

"Keegan wrestled really well during the It was his first trip tournament and just to OFSAA, which is got better and better as the tournament a pretty big event ... went on," Fockler as coaches we were said. "He ran into the number two seed quite happy with his

Dan Fockler

in his first match, which flipped him to consolation, but he did quite well on the back side of the

Because of his small size, Fockler said Gillam didn't have a lot of competition throughout the season.

draw."

"This was the first tournament where he had more than one or two matches. It was great fun for him, he really started to figure things out as the tournament went

Gillam finished the tournament in the top

"That was awesome. He's a Grade 9 boy, so we're hoping for good things from him in the future."

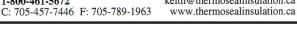
Fockler was unable to accompany the team to OFSAA. Paul Klose coached the two wrestlers during the tournament.

Despite the team's youth, Fockler said they did quite well throughout the season and it's only going to get better.

"Hopefully, once we get some of those junior wrestlers up to senior, we can do some damage."

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Junior Highlanders



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: A student skis along the trails in Glebe Park. Right: High school PALS student Charles Cary, left, joins co-op students Tatum McTeague and Paige Cowan.



PALS back for Winter Olympics

By Mark Arike Staff writer

About 80 students in the Practical and Academic Life Skills program (PALS) enjoyed a day of winter fun in Glebe Park on March 6 during the second annual Winter Olympics.

Students in Grades 4-12 took part in activities such as cross country skiing, tobogganing and snowshoeing.

Participating schools included J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDH), Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Wilberforce Elementary School, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Parkview Public School.

Once again, JDH PALS teacher Mike Gervais was able to secure a program enhancement grant from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to bring the event to Haliburton.

"It's a great day for these kids to get active because they don't get a lot of opportunities," said Gervais, explaining that some of the activities can be cost-prohibitive for students.

"This gives them a day to experience them and see if they're interested in them, in a very cost-effective way."

Some elementary and high school students volunteered their time to lead and supervise the activities.

"We have 12 Grade 8s and we also have four returning Grade 8s from last year coming from the high school to be mentors and help out again because it was such a positive experience last year," he said.

This year's partners included YMCA Camp Wanakita, Sharpley's Source for Sports, the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association, Dysart et al, and the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

"They've all been a big part in making today happen," said Gervais.





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Experience in serving on the board of a non-profit agency is preferred.

Applications may be obtained from the office of the Corporation at the address below, or from Haliburton County at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario.

Applications are to be submitted by March 27th, 2015.

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Lance passed away peacefully on March 1, 2015 at Highland Wood LTC, Haliburton in his 89th year, with his beloved wife Marguerite and family by his side. Loving father of Michael (Cheryle), Nancy Stinson (Michael), Eleanor Shepro (Ron) of Arizona and Lynda. Dear

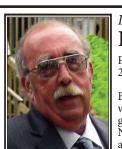
grandfather of Lance (Debbie), Tanya (Neil), Ryan (Lucy), Shannon and Cory (Lindsay) of Oregon. Great-grandfather of Brooke, Mikayla, Katie, Ava, Alex and Chris. Brother of the late Shirley Brandon, Ruth Lovett, Bill Coneybeare, Dorothy Edney, John Coneybeare and Olive Currey. Lance worked from the time he left the Navy until he retired with his family in the Easton Family Grocery Business which he and Marguerite eventually owned. He also treasured his fishing and hunting buddies and the many adventures they enjoyed together.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the West Guilford Community Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Rd., West Guilford, on Thursday March 12, 2015 for a Gathering to Celebrate Rob's Life from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. At 5:00 pm there will be a time of Reflection for Rob. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0

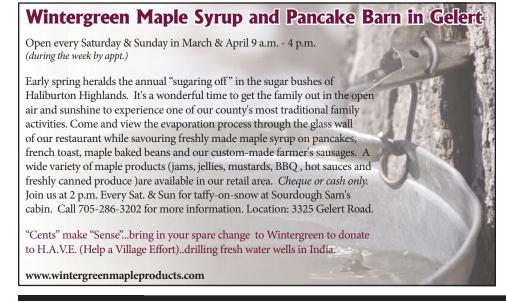
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What's on



File photo

Heather Kennedy (left), Thalia Nash, and Stephanie Godfrey participate in the Young Professional Network's inaugural event in 2014.

Young professionals building speed

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

It's like speed dating, but with a twist.

"One of the main struggles young people face in Haliburton County is meeting other young people," said Autumn Smith, vice chair of the Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network (YPN). "When I first moved here, I felt I was the only 20-something in town."

That's why Smith, along with her fellow YPN members, are putting the call out to other young folks in the county to join them for a speed networking event at The Dominion Hotel in Minden on March 17.

"It's an opportunity for young professionals in the Highlands to get to know other people like themselves," she said.

Participants will be given a card with

either a shamrock or a leprechaun on it. The shamrocks will take a seat at one of the tables, and the leprechauns will rotate from one table to the next every five minutes, meeting everyone in the room.

"You get five minutes to talk to the person, then a buzzer goes off and you move to the next."

Each table will have a list of suggested questions for the participants. If you already know the person, there are questions designed to help you learn more about them. If the other person is a complete stranger, the questions will get you acquainted in short order.

Smith said it would be a success just to see people out and sharing information with one another.

"We're going to have blank business cards, but we're encouraging people to bring their own," she said. "We want people to connect, or create a new relationship, whether professional or personal."

"If we walk away from the event, and one person has found a new friend, I'll be happy."

She said relationships go a long way to keeping people in a community, especially in Haliburton County where it can be hard to make new friends.

"It goes a long way to keeping your people here, and that's our ultimate goal. It's not hard to bring people in, but to keep young professionals in the area is a struggle."

The YPN's definition of a young professional is very fluid, Smith said. Participants can be in their 20s, 30s, and

"Everybody has something to bring to the table. It's cool to see everyone's skills and personalities come together. Even with our committee, the things we can accomplish together are astounding, so we want to keep building that."

This is the third event hosted by the YPN since it was launched last year. The first two were held at the Pinestone and McKeck's respectively.

"One of our goals is trying to hold each of our events at a different venue," said Smith. "It's another way we're trying to support our local businesses, reaching out to them and asking to work in a partnership."

"Hopefully this event will bring people from Highlands East and Dysart over to Minden, [and they'll see] there's a great little pub there."

The YPN is a division of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. They are always looking for new members on the committee, Smith said.

The speed networking event runs from 7-10 p.m.







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